



**Ninety-Ninth Legislature - First Session - 2005**  
**Committee Statement**  
**LB 725**

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**Hearing Date:** February 16, 2005

**Committee On:** Health and Human Services

**Introducer(s):** (Stuthman, Combs, Synowiecki)

**Title:** Adopt the Community Health Medication Distribution Act

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**Roll Call Vote – Final Committee Action:**

Advanced to General File

Advanced to General File with Amendments

X Indefinitely Postponed

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**Vote Results:**

7	Yes	Senator Jensen, Byars, Cunningham, Erdman, Johnson and Howard
	No	
1	Present, not voting	Senator Stuthman
	Absent	

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**Proponents:**

Senator Stuthman  
Rebecca Rayman  
Merlann Gusman

**Representing:**

Introducer  
Iowa/Nebraska Primary Care Association  
Self

**Opponents:**

**Representing:**

**Neutral:**

Joni Cover

**Representing:**

Nebraska Pharmacists Association

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**Summary of purpose and/or changes:** LB 725 adopts the Community Health Medication Distribution Act (act) (sec.1) and defines terms (sec.2).

The bill permits community health centers (CHC) to enlist the services of a local pharmacist or pharmacy to relabel community health medications (medications) for distribution by the CHC to a person other than the person named on the original prescription. CHCs are required to provide the medication to be relabeled and a prescription or other appropriate document demonstrating the person's eligibility to receive the medication from the CHC. The participating pharmacist or pharmacy must [upon receipt of such medication and documentation] relabel the medication for use by the person named in the prescription or other document and must make the relabeled medication available to the CHC for distribution to such person.

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Participation by pharmacists or pharmacies is voluntary, except when the CHC agrees to pay a fee to the participating pharmacist or pharmacy. The fee may not exceed 10% of the value of the medication (sec. 4).

The Department of Health and Human Services Regulation and Licensure (department) may adopt and promulgate rules and regulations to carry out the act (sec. 5).

The Health and Human Services Committee adopted a committee amendment which adds provisions of LB 725 to LB 382.

**Explanation of amendments, if any:**

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**Senator Jim Jensen, Chairperson**